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The image shows several green, upright stems of witchweed. Some stems have small, bright red flowers. A central stem is notably dark, almost black, and appears to be covered in small, dark, spiky structures, possibly seed pods or developing flowers. The background is a soft-focus mix of green and blue, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text "Watch Out for Witchweed" is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

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Witchweed infests the roots of corn, sorghum, sugarcane, rice, and more than 60 species of grasses. Although witchweed is believed to be established only in adjoining areas in North and South Carolina, it remains a threat to U.S. crops.

Witchweed stands 6–12 inches tall. It has slender,

four sided stems and narrow leaves emerging in pairs opposite each other. Bright-red flowers appear in spikes from mid-July until frost.

Watch out for witchweed, especially in July, August, and September. Don't overlook gardens, vacant fields, lots, roadsides, yards, and areas around farm buildings.



If you think you've seen witchweed, please **do not uproot** suspected plants. Ask your county agricultural agent for an on-the-farm identification. To report witchweed, call 1-800-206-WEED (from the Carolinas only) or (919) 513-4479 (from elsewhere).

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